GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Servants – PR & RD Department – Vigilance & Enforcement Report - Allegations of irregularities in execution of CC roads and drains taken up under MGNREGS Programme –Disciplinary action initiated against Sri B.Nageswara Rao, the then Assistant Engineer, PR, Seethampeta, Srikakulam District, now retired – Finalization of the disciplinary proceedings by imposition of a penalty of 4% cut in pension for a period of (1) year under Rule-9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980 – Orders-Issued.

PANCHAYAT RAJ AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (VIG.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No. 418 **Dated:17. 07.2023**

Read the following:-

1. From the DG, GA (V&E) Department, Vigilance & Enforcement Report No.10 (C.NO. 481-2/V&E/E2/2013), dt: 13.01.2015.
2. G.O.Rt.No.1164,PR&RD(Vig.I)Dept., Dt:22.12.2015.
3. From the ENC, PR, Letter No.Vig.I(1)/1430/2015, Dt: 10.06.2016.
4. G.O.Rt.No.754, PR&RD (Vig.I) Dept., Dt:15.06.2018.
5. From the Superintending Engineer, PR, Srikakulam and Inquiry Officer, Letter Rc.No.152/2016/A1, Dated: 17.08.2019.
6. Govt.Memo No.2135/Vig.I/2015, PR&RD (Vig.I) Dept.,Dt:02.08.2020.
7. From the ENC,PR, Letter No.Vig.I(1)/30395/2008, Dt: 26.11.2020.
8. Govt.Memo No.2135/Vig.I/2015, PR&RD (Vig.I) Dept.,Dt:11.06.2021
9. From the E-in-C, PR, Letter No.Vig.I/1430/2015, Dated: 20.03.2023.
10. Govt. Letter No.2135/Vig-I/20125, dated: 22.05.2023
11. From the Secretary, APPSC, Letter No.GAD.3-APPS0DCC/57/2023-DC.SEC-APPSC dt: 15.06.2023

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ORDER:

In the reference 1st read above, the Director General, Vigilance & Enforcement Department made certain allegations on irregularities in execution of CC roads and drains taken up in PRI Division, Palakonda, Srikakulam District under MGNREGS Programme for the Financial Year 2012-13. Accordingly, Government have initiated disciplinary action duly issuing article of charges under Rule-20 of the A.P. Civil Services (CC&A) Rules, 1991 against Sri B.Nageswara Rao, the then Assistant Engineer, PR, Seethampeta, Srikakulam District with a direction to submit his written statement of defence, in the reference 2nd read above.

2. Whereas, in the reference 3rd read above, the Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj has forwarded the written statement of defence of the charged officer, Sri B. Nageswara Rao, Assistant Engineer. After examination of the matter, Government have decided to conduct regular inquiry into the matter. Accordingly, Government have appointed the Superintending Engineer, PR, Srikakulam District as the Inquiry Authority to conduct inquiry into the charges framed against the charged officer, Sri B.Nageswara Rao, Assistant Engineer (PR) and also against the other eight (8) co-charged officers involved in the case, vide in the reference 4th read above.

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3. In the reference 5th read above, the Superintending Engineer, Panchayat Raj, Srikakulam District and Inquiry Officer has submitted inquiry report on each charged officer wise. In the findings of the inquiry report, the Inquiry Officer has stated that the charge is held proved against the charged officer, Sri B.Nageswara Rao, the then Assistant Engineer, PR, Seethampeta, Srikakulam District, now Retired.

4. In the reference 6th read above, the charged officer has been directed to submit his explanations, if any, on the findings of the Inquiry Report within (15) days from the date of receipt of this memo. In turn, the Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, A.P, Vijayawada has furnished the dated acknowledgment, according to serve the Inquiry Report to the Charged Officer, Sri B.Nageswara Rao, the then Assistant Engineer, PR, Seethampeta, Srikakulam District, now retired in the reference 7th read above. But, the charged officer has not submitted his representation/ explanation to the Government.

5. After examining the entire issue, Government have taken a provisional decision to impose the penalty of four percent (4%) cut in pension for a period of one (1) year against the Charged Officer. Accordingly, a show cause notice has been issued, under Rule-9 of APRP Rules 1980, to Sri B.Nageswara Rao, the then Assistant Engineer, PR, Seethampeta, Srikakulam District, now retired, with a direction to show cause as to why a penalty of four percent (4%) cut in pension for a period of one (1) year shall not be imposed on him, in the reference 8th read above. The Engineer-In-Chief, PR, has furnished dated acknowledgment of the charged officer, according to which show cause notice got been served on 20.07.2021, in the reference 9th read above. But the Charged Officer has not submitted his representation/explanation till now. Due to lapse of the prescribed time, Government have decided to confirm the provisional decision to impose penalty against him.

7. In the reference 10th read above, the Secretary, Andhra Pradesh Public Service Commission, Vijayawada has been requested to place the proposal of the Department i.e. to impose a penalty of four percent (4%) cut in pension for a period of one (1) year, under Rule-9 of APRP Rules 1980, against Sri B.Nageswara Rao, the then Assistant Engineer, PR, Seethampeta, Srikakulam District, now retired, before the Public Service Commission and communicate their concurrence.

8. In the reference 11th read above, the Secretary, Andhra Pradesh Public Service Commission, Vijayawada has informed that the Commission have agreed with the proposal of the department to impose a penalty of four percent (4%) cut in pension for a period of one (1) year, under Rule-9 of AP Revised Pension Rules, 1980 against Sri B.Nageswara Rao, the then Assistant Engineer, PR, Seethampeta, Srikakulam District, now retired.

9. Government, after careful examination of the entire issue, hereby impose a penalty of four percent (4%) cut in pension for a period of one (1) year against Sri B.Nageswara Rao, the then Assistant Engineer, PR, Seethampeta, Srikakulam District, now retired, under Rule-9 of APRP Rules, 1980 for allegations on irregularities in execution of CC roads and drains taken up in PRI Division, Palakonda, Srikakulam District under MGNREGS Programme.

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10. The Engineer-in-Chef, Panchayat Raj, A.P, Vijayawada, shall take further necessary action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

B RAJSEKHAR
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Sri B.Nageswara Rao, former Assistant Engineer, PR, Seethampeta, Srikakulam District(now retired). **through** the Engineer- in -Chief, Panchayat Raj, Andhra Pradesh,Vijayawada.
The Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, A.P, Vijayawada (with a request to serve the order on the individual and furnish the served copy)

Copy to:
The Director General, GA(Vigilance & Enforcement) Department, AP, Vijayawada.
The Secretary to Vigilance Commission, Andhra Pradesh Vigilance Commission, Velagapudi.
The Secretary, A.P. Public Service Commission, Vijayawada.
The OSD to Hon'ble Dy.C.M for PR&RD.
The PS to Spl.CS. to Govt, PR&RD Dept.,
The PR&RD (Estt. I) Department.
The AG, AP, Vijayawada.
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SECTION OFFICER.